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1. THE NEW YORK G-77 CHAIRED BY AMBASSADOR REBETIFIKA (MADAGASCAR) MET ON AND OFF OVER LAST SEVERAL WEEKS ON THE QUESTION OF THE SELECTION OF THE ADDITIONAL TWELVE LDC'S FOR THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC). APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AGO, GARCIA BELAUNDE OF THE PERUVIAN MISSION TO THE UN INFORMED MISOFF THAT THE G-77 HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT. AT THAT POINT, THE G-77 WAS DISPOSED TO REQUEST ONLY ONE ADDITONAL SEAT, FOR A TOTAL OF 20 SEATS. GARCIA BELAUNDE ATTRIBUTED THIS SITUATION TO THE INSISTENCE OF THE AFRICAN GROUP WITHIN
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THE G-77 THAT IT BE ALLOCATED AN ADDITIONAL SEAT.

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2. MINISTER ROUGE OF THE FRENCH MISSION TO THE UN CONFIRMS, HOWEVER, THE ESSENCE OF PARAGRAPH ONE OF THE INDONESIAN AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED REFTEL TO THE EFFECT THAT THE NEW YORK G-77 HAD DECIDED TO ADD FOUR MORE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO THE PRESENT AGREED NUMBER OF TWELVE. IN FACT, AMB. RABETIFIKA CALLED OFFICIALLY ON FRENCH PERM REP DE GUIRINGAUD LATER LAST WEEK TO REQUEST THAT THE CIEC PREPCOM BE INFORMED OF THE SITUATION AND THAT THE PREPCOM BE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER THE G-77 REQUEST FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL SEATS. PER ROUGE, AMB. DE GUIRINGAUD EXPLAINED TO RABETIFIKA THAT THE PREPCOM COULD NOT BE RECONVENED TO CONSIDER THIS REQUEST, AND THAT IN ANY EVENT NEIGHER HE (DE GUIRINGAUD) NOR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, NOT HAVING BEEN A MEMBER GOVERNMENT OF THE PREPCOM, COULD TAKE ANY POSITION ON THE G-77 REQUEST. DE GUIRINGAUD REPORTEDLY TOLD REBATIFIKA THAT A DECISION ON THE QUESTION COULD BE TAKEN ONLY BY THE TEN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED AT THE PREPCOM. THE FRENCH UN MISSION, THEREFORE, AGREED TO FORWARD THE RABETIFIKA REQUEST TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERY IN TURN INFORM MEMBERS OF THE PREPCOM, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE 7 LDC'S IN THEIR CAPITALS OF THE G-77 REQUEST.

3. ROUGE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE G-77 RE-QUEST FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL SEATS WAS PROBABLY INFLATED, AND THAT IN FACT THE G-77 WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL SEATS. HE VIEWS THAT PROBLEM AS BEING ONE STEM-MING FROM THE AFRICAN DEMAND THAT THEY HAVE NO FEWER SEATS THAN THE ASIANS. THE ASIAN RPBBLEM IS COMPOUNDED BY THE YUGOSLAV DESIRE FOR A SEAT, A SEAT WHICH WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE ASIAN QUOTA.
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